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Entitled: Vacuum Assisted Closure Pad with Adaptation
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Attorney Docket No.: VAC.561

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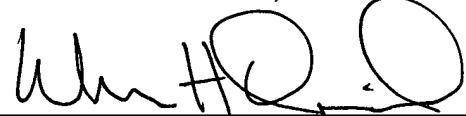
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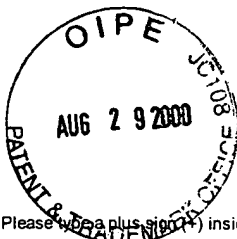
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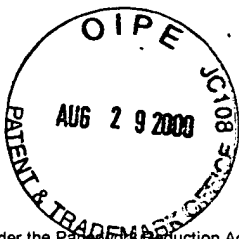
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	First Named Inventor	Royce Johnson
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147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
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115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	
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121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	
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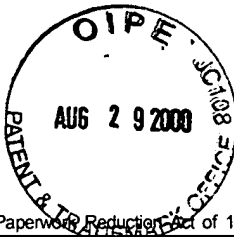
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